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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When striketrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 14 and 20, ADD new claim 21 and CANCEL claims 3, 6, 10 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A message processing system comprising:

judging means for analyzing a received message, and for judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

means for performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging means judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

means for passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging means judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition includes at least one of modification or setting of contents of said received message, modification or setting of display destination of said received message, and modification or setting of recording destination of said received message.

2. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a storage device for storing said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition; and

setting means for setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

5. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said setting means receives an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body, and sets said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and wherein said judging means determines whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set by said setting means in response to receipt of said e-mail.

8. (currently amended) A message processing program embodied on a medium, said message processing program comprising:

analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said performing comprises at least one of:

modifying or setting contents of said received message;

modifying or setting display destination of said received message; and

modifying or setting recording destination of said received message.

9. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into a storage device.

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing comprises changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

12. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing comprises executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

13. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 9, wherein said setting comprises:

receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and

setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and

wherein said analyzing and judging comprises determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting in response to receipt of said e-mail.

14. (currently amended) A message processing method, comprising:  
analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled; and  
performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and  
passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said performing comprises at least one of:  
modifying or setting contents of said received message;  
modifying or setting display destination of said received message; and  
modifying or setting recording destination of said received message.

15. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, further comprising:  
setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into a storage device.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing comprises changing notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

18. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing comprises executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

19. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said setting comprises:

receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and

setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and

wherein said analyzing and judging comprises determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting in response to receipt of said e-mail.

20. (currently amended) A message processing system comprising:

a judging unit to analyze a received message, and to judge whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

a performing unit to perform a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

a passing unit to pass said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition includes at least one of modification or setting of contents of said received message, modification or setting of display destination of said received message, and modification or setting of recording destination of said received message.

21. (new) A message processing system, comprising:

a judging unit that analyzes a received message, and judges whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

a unit that performs a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

a passing unit that passes said received message to a standard destination of said

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received message if said judging means judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said predetermined condition further includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages.